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Minutes: June 28, 2018

The regular board meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Veterinary Medicine was held at the State House Annex, Room 201, and 25 Capitol Street, Concord, NH.

Members present: President:, Simon George, DVM; Vice President: Dr. Sonnya Dennis, DVM; Judith Leclerc, DVM; John MacGregor, DVM; Kirk Smith, DVM:, DVM, , Elaine Forst, Temporary Public Member.

Absent: Dr. Stephen Crawford, Ex officio member

Public present: Dr. Rachel Easterly O'Sullivan, Dr. Sally Garhart, Mark Allen (spouse of Dr. Deborah Kelloway), Gloria Najecki, and Douglas Whitbeck

PUBLIC SESSION

The public segment of the meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m.

1. The Board heard from some of those individuals that were present from the public. Gloria Najecki, requested clarity about corporations and expressed her concern about loopholes in the law. She asked if this was within the jurisdiction of the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Sonnya Dennis, Vice President of the Board responded by saying that per the instructions by board counsel, the Board does not have jurisdiction over corporations, and pointed out that this would be within the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice, and that the Board has jurisdiction over the Medical Director of a corporation. Ms. Najecki also brought up her concern about having access to the public minutes. Kim Lavoie, Administrative Secretary to the Board, responded by stating that she had already sent her the public minutes for 2017. Ms. Najecki stated she requested the April 2018 minutes but hadn't heard. Kim Lavoie, Administrative Secretary responded by saying she had received the request 2 days ago. Ms. Najecki referenced the law about access to public meeting minutes. Dr. Smith responded by stressing the word "approved minutes" and explained that the Board meets every 6-8 weeks. Minutes are not reviewed to be approved until the following meeting.

Dr. Sally Garhart, New Hampshire Professional Health Program, spoke to the Board about the NHPHP's service. She spoke about the piece on WMUR covering suicide in the Veterinarian community. She stated that suicide is prominent in all health care professionals, and that there have been very few self-referrals from the veterinary community. It was suggested that she have an exhibitor's table at the VMA conference. Dr. Garhart explained that their budget was somewhat limited. Dr. MacGregor responded by suggesting that it shouldn't be an issue for the VMA to waive their fee so the NHPHP can have an exhibitor's table at the conference. Dr. Garhart informed the Board of one of their new members, Sarah Proctor. Dr. Dennis requested that Dr. Garhart inform us of updates on status of their web site.

Mr. Douglas Whitbeck, spoke to the board about his concern about corporate influence in veterinary medicine. He suggested members of the board to exert more influence with the legislature. Dr. MacGregor and Dr. Dennis responded by saying that as board members, they cannot lobby. Mr. Whitbeck suggested that they may be able to assert influence to the legislature as practitioners.

2. The April 13, 2018 public minutes were reviewed. Dr. Smith motioned to approve the April 13, 2018 public minutes. Dr. George seconded. So moved. Dr. MacGregor motioned to approve the May 31, 2018 minutes with added corrections to the non-public minutes. Dr. George seconded. So moved.

3. AAVSB, 218 Annual Meeting & Conference-reviewed, to be filed.

4. AHVMA, RACE Approval-reviewed, discussion ensured, to be filed.

Upon the motion of Dr. George and second of Dr. MacGregor the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91A:5, IV, Lodge V. Knowlton, 118 NH 574 (1978), and the board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

The non-public segment of the meeting was held.

Upon the motion of Dr. Dennis and the second of Dr. George, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of preceding non-public sessions from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III, on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her own vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim M. Lavoie, Administrative Secretary
Authorized Representative of the
NH Board of Veterinary Medicine